

In the Specification:

Page 1, replace the paragraph under the heading "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" with the following replacement paragraph:

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-- This application is related to co-pending patent applications Serial No. 09/181,533, filed October 28, 1998, titled "Remote Magnetic Activation of Hearing Devices" (referred to herein as the "'533 application") [[,]] ; and Serial No. 09/190,764, filed November 12, 1998, titled "Battery Enclosure for Canal Hearing Devices", now patent No. US 6,208,741, issued March 27, 2001 (referred to herein as the "~~'764 application~~ 741 patent"). --

Page 18, replace the first paragraph under the heading "Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments and Methods of the Invention" with the following replacement paragraph:

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-- The present invention provides a semi-permanent hearing device which is adapted to be entirely positioned in the ear canal for long term use. For the sake of additional clarity and understanding in the ensuing detailed description, the disclosures of the aforementioned related co-pending '533 application and ~~'764 application~~ '741 patent (see section titled "Cross-Reference to Related Applications", above) are incorporated herein by reference. --

Page 20, replace the first full paragraph with the following replacement paragraph:

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-- The connector 53 and battery 51 are encapsulated by a thin disposable enclosure 52 according to the disclosure of the ~~'764 application~~ '741 patent. The battery assembly 50 minimally occludes the ear canal and is preferably positioned substantially at or beyond the bony-cartilaginous junction 19 (FIG. 1; see, also, J of FIG. 17). --

Page 20, replace the second full paragraph with the following replacement paragraph:

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-- In order to protect the microphone and receiver of the hearing device 30 from the damaging effects of moisture and debris, microphone debris guard 42 (FIG. 5) and receiver debris guard 67 are placed on microphone and receiver ports 46 and 63, respectively. The microphone guard 42 in the embodiments of FIGS. 4 and 5 is in the form of a replaceable cap with a cap body 48 (FIG. 5) fitted over the microphone port 46 (in the direction of arrow 31) and guard member 47 made of a thin membrane or screen material that is substantially transparent to sound. Similarly, receiver guard 67 (FIG. 5) may also be in the form of a

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replaceable cap with cap body 65 fitted over the receiver in the direction of arrow 32 with guard member ~~[[65]]~~ 65'' positioned over receiver sound port 63. The effect of the microphone and receiver guards 42 and 67, respectively, on the acoustic response of the hearing device is detailed below in the section titled Experiment-C. --
